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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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PCT/US99/02717

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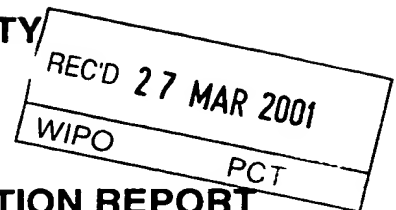
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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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Applicant's or agent's file reference WO 27757	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US99/02717	International filing date (day/month/year) 08/02/1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 22/12/1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G09B7/04		
Applicant AC PROPERTIES B.V. et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/US99/02717

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).):*

Description, pages:

1-45 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-18 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/16-16/16 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/US99/02717

☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application.
- ☒ claims Nos. 2,3,5,7,8,11,12,14,16,17.

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
- ☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 2,3,5,7,8,11,12,14,16,17 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
see separate sheet
- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination report cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

- ☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
- ☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/US99/02717

	No:	Claims	1,4,6,9,10,13,15,18
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1,4,6,9,10,13,15,18
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1,4,6,9,10,13,15,18
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/US99/02717

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

- 1 The method claims are too broad in scope and are not supported by the description (Art.6 PCT). They should have contained a reference to the apparatus claims, for example "A method for operating the apparatus of claim...". In the present wording their subject matter would not be regarded as patentable under certain national laws (e.g. EPC) since it is not of a technical nature.
- 2 The applicant should note that the scope of the claims of each application must be a clearly, defined separate scope (this to avoid double patenting in the national phase).
- 3 Claims 1 and 10 are further objected to under Article 6 PCT because of the vague term "specific requirements" in their last line, which will thus not be considered in the following discussion. This makes it also impossible to understand the subject matter of claims 2, 3, 1, 12 (which are thus excluded from examination, as pointed out below).
- 4 Claims 4 and 13 are objected to under Article 6 PCT because they should have referred to "the presentation" rather than to "a presentation". The former will be considered in the following discussion.

Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 11, 12, 14, 16, 17 have been excluded from examination because their subject matter is not clear (Art.6 PCT). Terms like "navigation path" and "level of granularity" have no clear meaning in the context of the claims.

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

- 1 Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO 97 44766 A (AGENT BASED CURRICULA INC ;COOK DONALD A (US); PADWA DAVID J (US)); 27 November 1997 (1997-11-27)

- 2 **Claim 1** is objected to under Article 33(2) PCT -Novelty- because all of its features are known from document D1, which discloses:
a method for creating a presentation (page 10, line 26), comprising the steps of receiving information indicative of a goal ("customization" of page 7, line 37), integrating information that motivates accomplishment of the goal for use in the presentation (page 8, line 9), evaluating progress toward the goal (page 10, lines 28 to 31) and providing feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the goal (page 8, lines 8 to 13).
- 3 **Claim 10** is objected to under Article 33(2) PCT -Novelty- because all of its features are known from document D1, which discloses:
an apparatus (the computer of page 1, line 8), comprising a processor and a memory that stores information under the control of the processor (implicit in a computer), logic that integrates information that motivates accomplishment of the goal for use in the presentation (page 8, line 9), logic that evaluates progress toward the goal (page 10, lines 28 to 31) and provides feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the goal (page 8, lines 8 to 13).
- 4 Dependent **claims 4, 6, 9, 13, 15 and 18** do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty, the reasons being as follows:
- 4.1 The subject matter of claims 4 and 13 is implicitly known from D1 (Art.33(2) PCT). If for example the power supply to the computer of D1 is missing (this is a prerequisite), there is no access to the presentation.

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/US99/02717

4.2 The subject matter of claims 6, 9, 15 and 18 is known from D1 (Art.33(2) PCT), page 101 line 33: "student log". This is also discussed in pages 102-107.

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
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(PCT Rule 71.1)

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WO 27757

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/US99/02717

International filing date (day/month/year)
08/02/1999

Priority date (day/month/year)
22/12/1998

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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International application No. PCT/US99/02717	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 08/02/1999	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 22/12/1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G09B7/04		
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Claims, No.:

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Drawings, sheets:

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☐ the entire international application.

☒ claims Nos. 2,3,5,7,8,11,12,14,16,17.

because:

☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

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☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/US99/02717

	No:	Claims	1,4,6,9,10,13,15,18
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1,4,6,9,10,13,15,18
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1,4,6,9,10,13,15,18
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/US99/02717

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/US99/02717

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1 Reference is made to the following document:

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/US99/02717

4.2 The subject matter of claims 6, 9, 15 and 18 is known from D1 (Art.33(2) PCT), page 101 line 33: "student log". This is also discussed in pages 102-107.

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
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International application No. PCT/US99/02717	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 February 1999 (08.02.99)

1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

☒ the applicant ☐ the inventor ☐ the agent ☐ the common representative

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3. Further observations, if necessary:

4. A copy of this notification has been sent to:

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference AND1P001.P	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 99/ 02717	International filing date (day/month/year) 08/02/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 22/12/1998
Applicant AC PROPERTIES B.V. et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:



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the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



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